# ARTICLE 7. DOG AND CAT/PET LICENSE\*

\*Editor's note: Ord. No. 2113, § 1, adopted March 7, 1995, set out a new Art. 7 and repealed the old Art. 7, §§ 3-5700--3-5712, which pertained to "dog/pet license" and derived from Ord. No. 1116, § 1, adopted Oct. 12, 1976; Ord. No. 1221, §§ 4, 5, adopted Jan. 24, 1978; and Ord. No. 1523, §§ 3--9, adopted Oct. 19, 1982.

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### Sec. 3-5700. Pet license required.

- (a) Every person within the city owning, possessing, controlling, harboring, or keeping any dog or cat over four months of age shall procure a pet license tag for each dog or cat from the city manager or his/her authorized agent as the licensing authority, as long as ownership of the dog or cat continues, or within thirty days after acquiring or bringing into the city any dog or cat over the age of four months, and shall continue to procure such tags, as required herein, so long as the ownership of the dog or cat over the age of four months, and shall continue to procure such tags, as required herein, so long as the ownership of the dog or cat continues.
- (b) When the dog or cat has a valid license from any county or from another city within the state, proof of such licensing shall be submitted to the licensing authority of the city and an animal license tag shall be issued to the owner for a fee established by resolution of the city council.

- (c) Within thirty days of the transfer or sale of a dog or cat with a valid city license, the new owner shall purchase a new pet license from the licensing authority.
- (d) When the cat is owned by or in the care of any person that qualifies for low income rates as determined by either Pacific Bell or Pacific Gas and Electric. (Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5701. Exemptions.

This article does not apply to dogs or cats found within the city under any of the following conditions:

- (1) When the dog or cat is owned by, or in the care of, any person who is a nonresident or who is traveling through the city, or who is temporarily sojourning therein for a period of not exceeding thirty days.
- (2) When the dog or cat is brought into the city and kept therein for a period not exceeding thirty days, for the exclusive purpose of entering the dog or cat in any bench show, dog exhibition, field trials or competition.
- (3) When the dog or cat is brought or sent into the city for the exclusive purpose of receiving veterinary care in any animal hospital.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

### Sec. 3-5702. Term of license.

- (a) Each pet license issued shall be effective for a one, two or three year period, at the option of the owner, and shall be issued upon payment of all required fees, charges, and penalties established by resolution of the city council, and upon compliance with all conditions required for issuance of a license.
- (b) A new license issued for a period commencing after the first of any month shall be effective from that date until the last day of the same month in the following year or following years, as appropriate.
- (c) Any license renewal shall be effective from the first day of the month following the expiration date of the license being renewed.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

#### Sec. 3-5703. Late penalties.

In addition to any other license fee or charge required herein, a late penalty shall be assessed under any of the following conditions:

- (1) When a dog or cat license is not renewed within thirty days following its expiration date.
- (2) When a dog or cat license is not obtained within thirty days after a dog or cat over the age of four months is transferred, sold or brought into the city.
- (3) When a dog or cat license is not obtained within thirty days of a dog or cat reaching the age of four months.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

### Sec. 3-5704. License application.

The owner shall state at the time application is made, and upon standard printed forms of application provided for such purpose, his name, address and telephone number and the name, breed, color, age and sex of each dog or cat for which application is made. (Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5705. Antirabies vaccination.

As a condition for the issuance of a license for a dog or cat, all applicants for such license shall procure and deliver to the licensing authority a certificate issued by a duly licensed veterinarian certifying the dog or cat to be licensed has been administered an antirabies vaccination sufficient to immunize said dog or cat against rabies for the entire license period.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5706. Issuance of tags and certificates.

A metallic tag and license certificate with corresponding number shall be furnished by the licensing authority, upon payment of the appropriate fee and any penalty established by resolution of the city council.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

## Sec. 3-5707. Owner must attach license.

The said license authority shall keep a record of the name of such owner or person making payment of said license fee and to whom a certificate and tag shall have been issued, and the number and date of such certificate and such tag. Such metal tag shall be securely fixed to a collar, harness or other device to be worn at all times by the dog or cat for whom the registration is issued unless another method of identification approved in writing and indicated on the pet license form is present. Other approved methods of owner identification include, but are not limited to, a micro chip which is implanted on the dog or cat which can be read by an electronic micro chip reading device used by city animal services.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

### Sec. 3-5708. Tag or certificate must be shown.

No person shall fail or refuse to show to the animal services officer, or police officer, the license certificate or tag for any duly registered dog or cat kept or remaining with any home or upon any enclosed premises under his immediate control.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5709. Removal of registration tags prohibited.

Only the owner or licensing authority shall have the authority to remove or cause the removal of the license tag or other device authorized by the licensing authority used to identify the dog or cat owner.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

#### Sec. 3-5710. Lost and destroyed tags.

If the license tag is lost or destroyed, the owner shall have thirty days to procure a new license tag or other device authorized by the licensing authority from the licensing authority for a fee established by resolution of the city council.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5711. Counterfeit and imitation tags.

No person shall imitate or counterfeit the tags or other device authorized by the licensing authority prescribed by this article, or have in his possession any imitation or counterfeit device or tags.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)

# Sec. 3-5712. Veterinarian's responsibilities.

Every veterinarian who vaccinates or causes or directs to be vaccinated in the city any dog or cat with antirabies vaccine shall:

- (1) Complete the form provided by or authorized by the licensing authority to certify that such dog or cat has been vaccinated.
- (2) Provide to the license authority completed antirabies vaccination forms every thirty days or less when such dog or cat is vaccinated.

(Ord. No. 2113, § 1, 3-7-95; Ord. No. 2214, § 1, 1-14-97.)